

Dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Ninth Congressional District of Tennessee: The House agreed to H. Res. 277, to dismiss the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Ninth Congressional District of Tennessee. **Page H4057**

Dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Forty Third Congressional District of California: The House agreed to H. Res. 278, to dismiss the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Forty Third Congressional District of California. **Page H4057**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Amending title 10, United States Code, to require an Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions taken in response to making protected communications regarding sexual assault: H.R. 1864, to amend title 10, United States Code, to require an Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions taken in response to making protected communications regarding sexual assault. **Pages H4057–61**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4055–56 and H4056–57. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill, Fiscal Year 2014. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

AMERICA'S ENERGY REVOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "America's Energy Revolution: A New Path To Jobs And Economic Growth". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing on H.R. 2346, the "Secret Ballot Protection Act"; and H.R. 2347, the "Representation Fairness Restoration Act". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

21ST CENTURY MEDICARE: BIPARTISAN PROPOSALS TO REDESIGN THE PROGRAM'S OUTDATED BENEFIT STRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "A 21st Century Medicare: Bipartisan Proposals to Redesign the Program's Outdated Benefit Structure". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHALLENGES FACING AMERICA'S BUSINESSES UNDER THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Challenges Facing America's Businesses Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERVIEW OF THE RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD: GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled "Overview of the Renewable Fuel Standard: Government Perspectives". Testimony was heard from Adam Sieminski, Administrator, U.S. Energy Information; Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; and Christopher Grundler, Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency.

EXAMINING HOW THE DODD-FRANK ACT COULD RESULT IN MORE TAXPAYER-FUNDED BAILOUTS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Examining How the Dodd-Frank Act Could Result in More Taxpayer-Funded Bailouts". Testimony was heard from Thomas Hoenig, Vice Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Richard W. Fisher, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas; Jeffrey Lacker, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond; and a public witness.

EVALUATING HOW HUD'S MOVING-TO-WORK PROGRAM BENEFITS PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING RESIDENTS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled "Evaluating How HUD's Moving-to-Work Program Benefits Public and Assisted Housing Residents". Testimony was heard from Daniel Nackerman, Executive Director, San Bernardino County Housing Authority; Gene Reed, Executive Director, Abilene

Housing Authority; Mathew Scire, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Larry Woods, Executive Director, Winston-Salem Housing Authority; and Gregory Russ, Executive Director, Cambridge Housing Authority.

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Broadcasting Board of Governors: An Agency “Defunct”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TURKEY AT A CROSSROADS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “Turkey at a Crossroads: What do the Gezi Park Protests Mean for Democracy in the Region?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a markup on H.R. 1409, to amend the Export Enhancement Act of 1988 to further enhance the promotion of exports of United States goods and services, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1926, to further enhance the promotion of exports of United States goods and services, and for other purposes. The Committee forwarded H.R. 1409, as amended; and H.R. 1926 was forwarded, without amendment.

POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing entitled “The Power Marketing Administrations: A Ratepayer Perspective”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRS CONTRACTS WITH STRONG CASTLE, INC.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Oversight and Government Reform held a hearing entitled “The IRS Contracts with Strong Castle, Inc.”. Testimony was heard from Beth Tucker, Deputy Commissioner for Operations Support, Internal Revenue Service; Michael Chodos, Associate Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, Small Business Administration; Brad Flohr, Senior Advisor for Compensation Service, Veterans Benefit Administration, Veterans Administration; William Sisk, Deputy Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, General Services Administration; and a public witness.

RESTORING U.S. LEADERSHIP IN WEATHER FORECASTING, PART 2

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Restoring U.S. Leadership in Weather Forecasting, Part 2”. Testimony was heard from Kathryn Sullivan, Acting Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

READY TO EXPORT: SMALL BUSINESS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USTR

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ready to Export: Small Business Policy Recommendations for USTR”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COAST GUARD READINESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Coast Guard Readiness: Examining Cutter, Aircraft, and Communications Needs”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral John Currier, Vice Commandant, United States Coast Guard; Ronald O’Rourke, Specialist in Naval Affairs, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

HOW LOGISTICS FACILITATE AN EFFICIENT FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Panel on 21st Century Freight held a hearing entitled “How Logistics Facilitate an Efficient Freight Transportation System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 331, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit the centralized reporting of veteran enrollment by certain groups, districts, and consortiums of educational institutions; H.R. 821, the “Fair Wages for Workers with Disabilities Act of 2013”; H.R. 1357, to amend the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 to improve the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program by providing assistance under such program for certain training programs that are considered less than full-time; H.R. 1796, the “Troop Talent Act of 2013”; H.R. 1842, the “Military Family Home Protection Act”; H.R. 2011, the “Veterans’ Advisory Committee on Education Improvement Act of 2013”; H.R. 2150, the “Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2013”; H.R. 2210, the “Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship Improvements Act of 2013”; H.R. 2327, the “Veterans Economic Opportunity

Administration Act of 2013”; and draft legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make an alternative election on behalf of certain individuals who are subject to a bar to duplication of eligibility for educational assistance under the laws administered by the Secretary. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Calvert; Cummings; Delaney; Grayson; and Johnson (OH); and Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Frank C. DiGiovanni, Director, Training Readiness and Strategy, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SMARTER REGULATIONS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reducing red tape through smarter regulations, after receiving testimony from Susan Dudley, George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center, Washington, D.C.; Michael Greenstone, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Jerry Ellig, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Robert S. Kieval, CVRx, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies and Energy and Water Development, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Jason Furman, of New York, to be a Member and Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, Kara Marlene Stein, of Maryland, and Michael Sean Piwowar, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Richard T. Metsger, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal risk management and emergency planning programs to prevent and address chemical threats, including the events leading up to the explosions in West, Texas and Geismar, Louisiana, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine contract management by the Department of Energy, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Byron Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and Stuart F. Delery, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, Fiscal Year 2014; and Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2014, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “School Meal Regulations: Discussing the Costs and Consequences for Schools and Students”, 10 a.m. 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce and Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “A Tangle of Trade Barriers: How India’s Industrial Policy is Hurting U.S. Companies”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Equipping Carriers and Agencies in the Wireless Era”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1897, the “Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2013”; and H. Res. 131, concerning the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the need for international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights; H. Res. 273, resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should nominate a qualified and independent individual for the position of Inspector General of the Department of State and Broadcasting Board of Governors to be confirmed by the Senate without delay; and H. Res. 222, recognizing the long-term partnership and friendship between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, working together towards peace and security in the Middle East, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Addressing the Neglected Diseases Treatment Gap”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, joint hearing entitled “Next Steps in the U.S.—Republic of Korea Alliance”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1772, the “Legal Workforce Act”; and H.R. 2131, the “Supplying Knowledge-base Immigrants and Lifting Levels of STEM Visas Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.